

# Hartford Courant

UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS

## Arrests Rise, Not Deportations

Several Factors  
Affect Trump Efforts

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It was a cold morning in December, and the players in a now well-rehearsed routine fell into step outside the Federal Building in Hartford. One demonstrator

brought the signs: “Not One More,” “Here to Stay,” and “No Human Being Is Illegal.” A Hartford police officer asked dutifully if anyone was planning on getting arrested. “No, not today I think,” said Jesus Morales Sanchez, an organizer with a New Haven immigrant rights group and a familiar face at the rallies.

Amid the biweekly rallies, the men and women seeking sanctuary in churches, the vigils and the press conferences and

the sit-in protests, it can seem as if President Donald Trump’s campaign promise to deport thousands more undocumented immigrants than his predecessor has come true. The president’s critics and supporters alike have said he has initiated an unsparing crackdown on undocumented immigrants. Immigrant advocates decry an “unhinged federal

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COLLUSION,  
OR NO COLLUSION

## Pushing To End Russia Probes

Trump Seeks  
Exoneration,  
Parties Battle

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Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The White House and Republican lawmakers are pressing for an end to multiple investigations into the Trump campaign’s dealings with Russia, aiming to clear the president as soon as possible before the taint of scandal further damages his presidency.

President Donald Trump expects to be publicly absolved of any wrongdoing by special counsel Robert Mueller by year’s end or soon after, and several people around him say the often-impulsive president could erupt in anger if that unlikely timeline is not met.

Some associates believe, or hope, that Trump will fire his three lawyers if he is not exonerated, opening the door for a more

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BUCKING THE TREND

## A School Boom In Rocky Hill

South Asian Influx  
Boosts Enrollment

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ROCKY HILL — On the east side of town, where six years ago officials shuttered an elementary school, Rocky Hill is doing the unheard-of in Connecticut: building a school to accommodate growing enrollment.

In the past five years, enrollment in Rocky Hill public schools has increased by 11 percent, a striking anomaly in a state where enrollment is sagging and districts more commonly close or consolidate schools than build new ones. That growth, brought on by a stable birthrate in town and an influx of Asian families, has required Rocky Hill to hire nine new elementary school teachers, add 11 portable classrooms to the district’s two elementary schools and break ground on a \$48 million intermediate school, slated to open in the fall of 2019.

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## PLAYING FOR 1,000

Geno Auriemma, Nearing Another  
Milestone, Keeps Standards High

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The first victory garnered one sentence in the Nov. 24, 1985, Sunday Hartford Courant. It was almost an afterthought, the last paragraph in a roundup of college basketball games. Below Eastern Connecticut’s win over Babson in men’s basketball and the second women’s game in the story, after Western Connecticut’s loss to Kean.

The news about the first UConn women’s basketball game of the 1985-86 season: Lori Kulo of Ellington scored 18 of her game-high 24 points in the second half of a 73-67 win over Iona in New Rochelle, N.Y. Geno Auriemma was 1-0.

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### ONE AWAY

Geno Auriemma can get his 1,000th win Tuesday.

► **First win:** Nov. 24, 1985 — UConn 73, Iona 67

► **National championships:** 11

► **Six undefeated seasons:** 1995, 35-0; 2002, 39-0; 2009, 39-0; 2010, 39-0; 2014, 40-0; 2016, 38-0

► **NCAA record winning streak:** 111 games

► **National coach of the year:** 9 times

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## 2017 In The Camera’s Eye



From the inauguration of President Donald Trump to the near bankruptcy of Hartford, from the rise of the Yard Goats to the tensions over the state budget, from the trauma of mass shootings to the sheer joy of children at play, photographers have captured the essence of the year that was 2017. In today’s paper, you will find a collection of photographs that tell the story of the year.

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### Best TV Episodes

From “Lemons” on “Blackish” to “Hella L.A.” on “Insecure,” a look at highlights from 2017. **Arts, Page G1**

### Unexpected Romance

He was tall, earthy, weather-beaten, at home in the outdoors. He didn’t seem like the man of her dreams, but that’s what he turned out to be.

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